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EFFECT OF THUNDER ON FISHES

On July 9 and 31, 1913, when collecting with seines in the bight of Cape Lookout, North Carolina, immediately following two violent electrical storms, I found fishes unusually scarce. The precipitation had been heavy on both these occasions, but I have in the past noticed scarcity of fish following thunder accompanied by little or no rainfall, and believe that vibration of the ground caused by heavy thunder drives them into deeper water.

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NOTES ON LEOPARD LIZARDS

Very little has been published on the habits of the Leopard Lizard (*Crotaphytus wislizenii*), although it is common in many parts of the Southwest.

There seems to be considerable variation in the color and pattern, depending on the sort of country in which they are found. Those living in a region of dark volcanic rocks have a darker pattern than those found in the red sandy desert. The Leopard Lizards which I observed last summer were of the latter type, and were chiefly seen